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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Gray, Collins, Hwang, Godfrey, Kowbel, and Rommens

Application No.: 08/731,499

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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME UNDER

37 CFR §1.36 (a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action, dated July 8, 1997 for two months, from August 8, 1997 to October 8, 1997. An appropriate response to the Office Action in the from of a Amendment to Office Action is enclosed herewith.

Please charge \$400.00, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17, to the Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above Deposit Account. This Petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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